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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of BRUECKNER, Dieter, OCHSENREITHER, Peter, SEITER, Juergen and  
TREMEL, Michael  
NETWORK AND COUPLING DEVICE FOR CONNECTING TWO  
SEGMENTS IN A NETWORK  
Our Ref. Q063373

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 54 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 5 sheets of drawings. Also enclosed please find the PCT Cover Sheet and the PCT Request for both PCT parent applications. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment, as well as an Information Disclosure, will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE99/03041 and PCT/DE99/03038, both filed on September 22, 1999, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the cover pages of the Published International Applications and a copy of Applicants' PCT Requests for both PCT applications.

Priority is claimed from September 22, 1998, and September 22, 1998, based on German Application Nos. 19843447.2, and 19843449.9 respectively. **The priority documents will be filed at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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